GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF NORKYA VANASPATI FROM THE FOREST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large scale smuggling of medicinal plants such as Norkya has been noticed by the Government in the country particularly from the Chandoli Forests of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken against the offenders?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b) As per the information received from the States having large concentration of Norkya namely Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, no large scale smuggling of Norkya has been reported. However, few cases of smuggling of Norkya from Chandoli forests of Maharashtra have been reported as per details given below.

During April 2005, fifteen Preliminary Offence Reports (PORs) were registered under various sections of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Indian Forest Act, 1927 and Bombay Forest Rules, 1942. Out of the 15 PORs, in seven cases, charge sheets have been filed in the Court. In addition, six trucks, six tractors with trollies, two jeeps, three motorcycles and ten donkeys have also been seized.